

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN BILL TASH**, on January 31, 2003 at 3 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Bill Tash, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Sherm Anderson (R)  
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)  
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)  
Sen. Rick Laible (R)  
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)  
Sen. Dan McGee (R)  
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)  
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)  
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)  
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch  
Roberta Opel, Committee Secretary

**Video-Taped Committees:** This is the video log of a committee hearing. The log provides a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 240, 1/31/2003, SB 248,  
1/31/2003  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON SB 240**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SEN. EMILY STONINGTON, SD 15, Bozeman, presented SB 240; revise compensation of surface owners for oil and gas operations. **EXHIBIT(nas21a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

3:24pm Clay Hall, representing himself, testified in support of both SB 240 and SB 248. **EXHIBIT(nas21a02)** **EXHIBIT(nas21a03)**  
3:28pm George Nell, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC) **EXHIBIT(nas21a04)**  
3:32pm Beth Kaeding, representing herself  
3:33pm Jennifer Reed, on behalf of the Park and Gallatin Citizen Alliance  
3:35pm Julia Page, representing herself  
3:38pm Sherm Janke, on behalf of the Sierra Club  
3:40pm Barbara Turner-Lantz, Livingston **EXHIBIT(nas21a05)**  
3:43pm Dick Clotfelter, representing himself and BCPOA  
3:46pm Hope Stevens, representing herself **EXHIBIT(nas21a06)**  
3:47pm Betty Whiting, MT. Association of Churches  
3:48pm Herb Vasseur, MT. Land and Mineral Owners Association **EXHIBIT(nas21a07)** .  
3:49pm Mona Jamison, on behalf of Gallatin County  
3:49pm Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)  
3:49pm Wally Krokenberg, representing himself  
3:50pm Mary Fitzpatrick, representing herself  
3:50pm Susan McGrath, representing herself  
3:50pm Bob Stevens, representing himself **EXHIBIT(nas21a08)**

**Written Proponent Testimony:**

Bill Berg, Gardiner **EXHIBIT(nas21a09)**  
Jean Roll, Bozeman **EXHIBIT(nas21a10)**  
Susan Killian **EXHIBIT(nas21a11)**  
Wally Duchscher **EXHIBIT(nas21a12)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

3:51pm Gail Abercrombie, MT. Petroleum and Gas  
3:56pm Patrick Montalban, Montana Independent Oil and Gas Assn.  
4:00pm Robert Fisher, Geologist  
4:01pm Gilda Clancy, on behalf of Montanan's for Responsible Energy Development (MRED) and Klabzuba Oil and Gas, Inc. and Lonetree Energy **EXHIBIT(nas21a13)**  
4:05pm Sen. Jerry Black, SD 44, Shelby

4:07pm Fred Cline, President of Cline Production Co.

**EXHIBIT(nas21a14)**

4:10pm Duane Zimmerman, Nance Petroleum Corporation

**EXHIBIT(nas21a15)**

4:11pm Stephen R. Granzow, Meadowlark Search Inc.

**EXHIBIT(nas21a16)**

4:11pm David Searle, Marathon Oil Company **EXHIBIT(nas21a17)**

4:10pm Tom Ebzery, Marathon Oil Company **EXHIBIT(nas21a18)**

4:11pm Stan Frasier, representing himself

4:11pm Gary Feland, Northern MT. Oil and Gas

4:11pm Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)

**Written Opponent Testimony:**

Thomas F. Keating, Billings **EXHIBIT(nas21a19)**

Kevin Treadway, Encore Operating **EXHIBIT(nas21a20)**

**Informational Witnesses and Testimony:**

Tom Richmond, Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

4:11pm Begin

4:34pm End

23 min Elapsed time

**Closing by Sponsor:**

4:37pm **SEN. STONINGTON** closed on SB 240.

**HEARING ON SB 248**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** **SEN. EMILY STONINGTON, SD 15, Bozeman**, opened on SB 248; bonding requirements for oil or gas operations.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

4:48pm Dick Clotfelter, representing himself and BCPOA

4:52pm Hope Stevens, representing herself

4:53pm Dan Teigen, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

4:55pm Bob Stevens, Self

4:57pm Jean Charter, Bull Mountain Landowners Association

4:48pm John Dendy, Helena **EXHIBIT(nas21a21)**

5:02pm Barbara Turner-Lantz, representing herself

5:02pm Beth Kaeding, representing herself

5:02pm Sherm Janke, on behalf of Montana Sierra Club Chapter

5:02pm Wade Sikorsky, representing himself

5:04pm Julia Page, representing herself  
5:05pm George Mill, Gardiner  
5:07pm Mary Fitzpatrick, Billings, member of NPRC  
5:08pm McGrath (no first name available for minutes)  
4:08pm Dena Hoff, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation District  
5:07pm Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center  
(MEIC)  
5:09pm Arleen Boyd, Stillwater Protective  
5:09pm Jan Dahlgaard, representing herself, Greenough  
5:10pm Stan Frasier, representing himself

**Opponents' Testimony:**

5:10pm Tom Richmond, MT. BOGE  
5:12pm Gary Feland, Northern MT. Oil and Gas Corporation  
5:15pm David Searle, Marathon Oil Company  
5:16pm Joe Wyseloff  
5:20pm Patrick Montalban, Northern Montana Oil & Gas Association  
5:21pm Duane Zimmerman, engineer, Billings  
5:22pm Bob Fischer, MT. Petroleum Association  
5:22pm Gilda Clancy, Montanans for Responsible Energy Development  
(MRED)  
5:23pm Willy (no last name available for minutes)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

5:25pm Begin  
5:48pm End  
23 min Elapsed time

**Closing by Sponsor:**

**SEN. STONINGTON** closed on SB 248.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:52 P.M.

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SEN. BILL TASH, Chairman

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ROBERTA OPEL, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (nas21aad)**